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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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Copies of the references on the PTO/SB/08 are not provided.

Additionally, pursuant to MPEP §2001.06(b), the applicants direct the examiner's attention to the following copending applications: U.S. Application Serial Nos. 10/652,322, 10/439,483, and 10/369,973. These applications may be deemed by the examiner as directed to similar subject matter to the present application.

Our check in the amount of \$180.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p) is enclosed. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855, under Order No. 29020/003A. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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